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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. 11/39

"A" Division.
Chengtu Road Police Station.
January 9th, 1939.

Diary Number:— 1.

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	3.25p.m.-12m.n. 8-1-39 12m.n. - 2 a.m. 9-1-39.	Places visited in course of investigation each day	Dollar Hotel, Yu Ya Ching Road. Det. office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Report on Illegal Functioning of Japanese Military Gendarme in the International Settlement.

At 3.25p.m. 8-1-39, a telephone message was received from the Dollar Hotel, No. 69 Yu Ya Ching Road reporting a number of plain clothes Japanese searching Room No. 405 with the apparent intention of making an arrest.

The undersigned and C.D.S. 192 attended and found 2 Japanese plain clothes men inside Room 405 and 2 in the corridor nearby.

When asked for an explanation they made no reply and indicated that they neither spoke English or Chinese.

A Japanese interpreter was then summoned from Central Station and in the interval of waiting the various Chinese employees of the hotel who were concerned in this case were interviewed.

Wong Ah Ching (王亞卿), Steward,
Loh Yuen Loong (陸元龍), Floor inspector.
Soo Kyung Yue (蘇景儀), teaboy for Room 405.

all having seen the original occupant of Room 405 were of the opinion that he was a Cantonese or Fokienese although he signed the hotel register as being a native of Shanghai.

Wong Ah Ching, who reported the matter to Chengtu Road Station, stated that when he asked the Japanese

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their reason for entering Room 405 he received an answer that they were Japanese Military Police and their business was confidential.

Jong, fearing an incident, informed Chengtu Road Police Station.

The above 3 Chinese have submitted statements which are attached hereto and are self explanatory.

At about 4.30 p.m. J.P.C. 220 Mowatari arrived from Central Station and the 4 Japanese were asked to explain their business.

They identified themselves as members of the Japanese Military Gendarme and stated they wanted to see a friend in Room 405.

In view of the statement of the Hotel employees this statement did not seem feasible so the four men were asked to attend Chengtu Road Station and make a proper report and obtain assistance if they wished to function in the Settlement.

The 4 men did not wish to attend Chengtu Road Station but after some considerable argument were persuaded to do so, one of the men however disappeared down the back stairs and could not be located.

C.D.S. 192 was posted inside the room to keep observation.

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The three Japanese who came to the station with the undersigned and two others who visited room 405 a few minutes later and who were brought in by J.D.S. 250 and J.D.S. 289 were questioned by J.D.S. Yoshinaga and identified themselves as follows:-

(1) Warrant Officer Hideo Kubota (久保田秀男)
(2) Sergeant Major Takeo Namatsu (生津武夫)
(3) Corporal Minpei Tamura (田村民平)
(4) Corporal Toshiro Yokohata (横畑利郎)
(5) Mr. Ushitatsu Ozawa (小津牛郎)

The 1st to 4th listed are members of the North Szechuen Road branch office of the Japanese Army Gendarme and the 5th listed is a civilian assistant.

The men were again asked their reason for being in the Dollar Hotel and Warrant-officer Hideo Kubota, who acted as spokesman for the party, replied that they were in the hotel to protect a Japanese subject who was of unsound mind and in possession of a great deal of money.

At this stage the D.D.O. "A" who had previously been informed arrived and conducted enquiries, the following being ascertained:-

The above 5 plain clothes men had been despatched to the Dollar Hotel to effect the arrest of a Japanese subject named Tsutomu Makino, a Japanese army employee who had absconded with 8,500 yen.

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Sgt. Major Takeo Yamatsu stated they were not concerned about the recovery of the money but merely wished to protect Mr. Marino who being a mental case might be robbed or otherwise cheated out of the money.

The D.D.O. informed the 5 men that if they wished to make an arrest in the Settlement they must have proper assistance from Headquarters.

It was finally agreed that the Japanese should not return to the Doller Hotel without assistance but that a S.M.P. detective should be posted in Room 405 and, should the wanted men or any of his associates (Japanese named Yakahe and Kido), return, the Japanese Gendarme would be informed immediately.

At 7 p.m. Major Merritt A. Edson and Major J.S. Monohan of the U.S. Marine Corps (who had previously been informed by order of D.D.O."A"), attended the station and requested particulars. The facts of the case were explained to the 2 officers and they stated that they were only interested in whether or not the Japanese Military Police were carrying arms in the American Sector.

The 5 Japanese voluntarily took off their coats in the presence of the above U.S.M.C. officers who stated they were satisfied that no arms were being carried.

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However they requested that a copy or an extract from this report be forwarded to U.S.M.C. Headquarters through official channels.

At 7.30 p.m. Warrant Officer Hideo Hubota having agreed to the request of the D.D.C."A" the 5 Japanese departed.

At 11.15 p.m. D.I. Glover came to the station together with several members of the Japanese Military Police and stated he was giving assistance to visit the Dollar Hotel in an effort to effect the arrest of the wanted man previously described in this report.

D.I. Hill and C.D.S. 174 accompanied D.I. Glover and the Japanese party to Room 405 of the Dollar Hotel but no arrests were effected there. However one Japanese who was arrested in a Hotel in Louza District was subsequently brought to Room 405.

Results being abortive in the Dollar Hotel, D.I. Glover accompanied the Japanese party to an address in Sinza District and C.D.S. 174 was detailed to keep watch on Room 405 together with a member of the Japanese Military Police.

At 12.30 p.m. C.D.S. 174 came to the station and reported that the Japanese Military Police had departed from the Dollar Hotel as they did not wish to continue observation any longer.

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For further details see report submitted by D.I. Glover, Headquarters.

D.S. 193.

Sen. Det. i/c.

D. D. D. "A"

Officer i/c Sp. Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Loh Yuen Loong.
native of Shanghai taken by me J.D.S. 192
at Ch. Rd. Stn. on the 8-1-39 and ~~interpreted~~ translated by Clerk Tan.

Loh Yuen Loong, 28, Shanghai, single.

I am an Inspector employed at and residing on the Dollar Hotel, No. 69 Yu Ya Ching Road.

At 3.15 p.m. on the 8-1-39, while I was in the hall downstairs, I observed 5 persons resembling Japanese came in and go up in the lift. (I knew they were Japanese by the fact that one of them wore muzzle). I followed them up and saw them enter Room No. 407. I also went in and observed the 5 intruders search everything in the room which indicated their intention to arrest some person. I questioned them as to where they came from and one of them replied me that "They were Japanese Military Police. Confidential! Confidential!"

Fearing that some incident might happen, I rushed to the accountant's office from where I telephoned to the Chengtu Road Station.

Later, detectives from the above station attended and brought the 5 intruders to the station.

The above is my true statement.

Signed.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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The following is the statement of Wong An Ching.

native of Ningpo taken by me J.D.S. 19[illegible]

at Ch. Rd. Stn. on the 8-1-39 and ~~interpreted~~ translated by Clerk Tan.

Wong An Ching, 46, Ningpo, married, residing No. 35 Van Yih Li Myburgh Road.

I am a steward employed by the Dollar Hotel, located at 69 Yu Ya Ching Road.

At 12 noon on the 7-1-39, while I was in the Reception Room, a stranger who may be described as follows:-

"Long thin face, dark complexion, long parted hair, wearing black woollen foreign dress, black woollen overcoat, and black spectacles, has short mustache."

approached me enquiring about any vacant room in Shanghai dialect. Answering him in the affirmative, I guided the stranger to Room No. 405 on the 4th floor which he, after a glance, booked. He asked me how much he needed to pay first and I told him to pay $6.00 which he did. I then instructed Teaboy No. 409 named Soo Kyung Yue to bring the customer the Hotel Register to fill in and upon this being brought to the customer, the latter wrote his surname "Zeu" on it.

However, above the character "Zeu", I witnessed the customer write his name "Wong Tsung Fi, 48, Shanghai, Merchant." Having completed my duty, I returned to the Reception Room.

At about 5.30 p.m. on the 8-1-39 I made a statement at the Chengtu Road Police Station giving the whole facts as above mentioned.

The above is my true statement.

Signed & cross-marked.

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The following is the statement of Soo Kyung Yue

native of Ningpo taken by me C.D.S. 198

at Ch. Rd. Stn. on the 8-1-39 and ~~interpreted~~ translated by Clerk Tan.

Soo Kyung Yue, 31, Ningpo, married, residing in an upstairs room of the Johnson Hire Car Service, Peking Road.

At 11.10 p.m. on the 7-1-39, Steward Jong An Ching instructed me to bring the Hotel Register to a customer to fill and when I got the Hotel Register, I went to Room No. 405 in which I saw a customer who may be described as follows:-

"Long face, dark complexion, wearing black woollen foreign dress and black woollen overcoat."

The customer accordingly wrote his name "Zeu" on it. I then got the tea ready and delivered it to the above numbered room. Having done this, I returned the Hotel Register to the Account office. I did not enter the room afterwards and, if anybody has visited the room I do not know.

At 3 p.m. same date, I went off duty.

At 9 a.m. on the 8-1-39, I came on duty and at about 10a.m. a teaboy No. 407 informed me that the customer in Room No. 405 had ordered 3 refreshments but I did not go to the room.

At 11a.m. I received a telephone message from the Account Office to the effect that the car hired by the customer in Room No. 405 has arrived. I went to the room and informed the customer who booked the room yesterday and he said he knew it. I then went to Room 424 to work. I did not see when the customer left his room.

At 3.45 p.m. on the 8-1-39 I saw that there were Japanese subjects in the Hotel besides Foreign and Chinese Detectives.

At 5.30 p.m. same date, I attended the Chengtu Road Police Station, where I made this statement.

The above is true

Signed.

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REPORT

HEADQUARTERS CRIME BRANCH
File No. G. I. MISCELLANEOUS FILE
No. 6139 Station,

Date January 9, 39.

Subject ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO THE JAPANESE GENDARMERIE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 6139
Date

Made by & Forwarded by D. I. GLOVER.

Sir,

At about 9:45 a.m. January 8th. 1939, J.D.C. Yamahara of the S/F.C. Staff informed the undersigned that Sgt. Tamura of the Japanese Gendarmerie had requested assistance to arrest two Japanese subjects, who were wanted for " misappropriation."

The necessary assistance was rendered by the undersigned, and with the cooperation of two Chinese detectives attached to Louza Station, visited Room No.308, the Great Eastern" Hotel, Nanking Road, where one, named J. KIDO(Japanese) aged 33 years, was taken into custody.

On being questioned, this man stated that his accomplice, another Japanese subject, named T. MIKINO, was then residing in Room No.405, the "Dollar" Hotel, 69 Yu Ya Ching Rd.

With the assistance of D.I. Mill, this address was visited, but it was found that the wanted man had already left. According to D.I. Mill, this address had already been visited by the Gendarmerie that afternoon.

From further information given by the arrested man, House No.12, Lane 125, Park Road, was visited, but the wanted man was not located. In this case, Sinza Station was informed, and F.S. Wittinsky attended with a Chinese detective.

In view of the fact that the arrested man, J. KIDO is a Japanese subject, he was handed over direct to the authorities concerned.

I am, Sir,
Yours obediently,

D. C. (Special Branch).

D. I.

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REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S.B. 1
Date February 14, 1939.

Subject. FURTHER TO ARREST OF EIGHT PERSONS ON BEHALF OF JAPANESE GENDARMERIE ON 3-1-39.

Made by. D.S.I. Bryde Forwarded by. C.D.I. Grubb

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions of the D. C. (Crime) the eight persons still in the custody of the S.M.P. were released on the afternoon of 13-2-39 against guarantees. They were guaranteed as follows and the guarantee papers are attached.

NAME OF ARRESTED PERSON	NAME OF GUARANTOR	ADDRESS
Wong Mei Yi (王梓易)	Yi Zung Kong (吳滋耕)	Zai Zung (瑞滋), 303/6 Foochow Rd.
Zau Yau Kwei (曹耀奎)		
Zau Peu Sz (曹潘氏)		
Lieu Ts Ming (劉子明)	Tsang Ngoh Kyi (張鶴雲)	118/11 Chekiang Road.
Dong Wei Ting (唐葦濱)	Zee Ah Neu (徐阿妞)	304 Hupeh Road.
Zung Koo Fung (陳顧玲)	Lia Yang Tsai (謝秋喜)	718 Foochow Road.
Tsoo Sz Zoong (左士仲)	Tsai Zung Bau (蔡仁抱)	Pootung Guild.
Koo Tsung Kyi (胡正義)		

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

Geo. B. Bryde
D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

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Date Feb. 13, 19 39.

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Subject. [illegible] J. [illegible] E [illegible].

Made by [illegible] Forwarded by J. J. I. [illegible].

In reference to the letter from the Ningpo Fellow Countrymen's Association regarding the detention of :-

[illegible] (王林芳) ([illegible]).
CHU YU [illegible] (朱耀堂) and his wife
[illegible] (朱潘氏)

who were arrested on Jan. 4, 1939, as also were six others at various addresses in the Settlement —

[illegible] (陈頌氏)
[illegible] (刘子明)
[illegible] (胡子寅) (died in custody on 30.1.39)
[illegible] (左士中)
[illegible] (胡仁義)
[illegible] (唐華寶)

— no evidence of complicity in Anti-Japanese activities has been produced against them by the Japanese Gendarmerie, nor have the latter, since Jan. 4, made any direct requests to C.I. for the arrested persons to be handed over.

J.D.S.I. Umemoto has again visited the Japanese Military Police H.Qrs. at Bridge House regarding the disposal of these people and their attitude is that if the Police want to release them they may do so, but if the latter will agree they would like them to be handed over for enquiry. However, the Military do not insist that this should be done.

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In view of the attitude of the Japanese Authorities, the length of time the eight persons have been detained, and the lack of evidence against them, it is recommended that they be released.

C. D. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).